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WELFARE ASSOCIATION

GIVE TO CONQUER CANCER

In April 1947, USDA employees made voluntary contributions of \$4,565.62 to aid in the program of research, service and education for the control of cancer.

Literature on this disease and the work of the American Cancer Society has been distributed to all employees. We hope you will read the literature since it tells the story better than we could.

Keymen have been named in divisions and branches of each agency. In most agencies the contact officer is serving as agency keyman. Probably no one will ask you directly for a contribution, so please take your donation to your division keyman today. Let's make contributions this year exceed the amount given last year.

The Soil Conservation Service Employees' Recreation Association now has approximately one hundred members with Mr. H.H. Bennett, Chief of the agency, holding membership card No. 1. Mr. Ed Garvey has been appointed to serve temporarily on the AERA Council's Discount Committee.

SOCIAL DANCING

The South American Dance Class which started on a series of ten lessons on Monday, April 5, at 6:15 in the Jefferson Auditorium, met with such an overwhelming response that the classroom overflowed from the stage into the orchestra pit. Toni DeFelice, the instructress, is now assisted by Bob Carey in handling the larger enrollment.

A second class in fundamentals of good social dancing also started on Monday, April 5, at 8 p.m. on the stage of the Jefferson Auditorium. There is still room in this class for 3 or 4 more men who might like to brush up on their dancing. Come on boys, be a better dancer than she is.

HONOR AWARDS CEREMONY

The Department's Honor Awards ceremony will be held on May 17 of this year at 2:45 p.m. at the Sylvan Theatre on the Washington Monument Grounds. Employees will be excused for such time as necessary to attend the ceremony. Besides the Distinguished and Superior Awards, Length of Service certificates will be given to those employees in the Metropolitan Area who, as of May 15, 1947, have completed forty years of service with the Department. An interesting program is being arranged and will include music by the U. S. Marine Band.

The "Sunshine Club" of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, consisting of 103 members, is now affiliated with the Agriculture Employees Recreation Association.

GOLF MOVIES

Movies of REA Golf Tournament and color movies of 1947 National Capitol Open Tournament will be shown on Thursday, May 6, from 12 noon to 12:30 in the Jefferson Auditorium. These will be worth missing lunch to see.

CAMERA FANS

The Agriculture Photography Club is planning a picnic in Rock Creek Park on Sunday afternoon, May 23. Helen Kochae, X6076, Club Secretary, can give you details on the plans.

WEAVING

Plans have been almost completed for a weaving instruction course under Mrs. Helen C. Wood of PMA. Class will be limited to 10 persons.

CITIZENS IN THE FRONT RANKS

Miss Anne McFadden, Supervising Nurse of the Emergency Room, reports that since we last mentioned the subject of blood donations in our January 15th Bulletin, 56 more Agriculture employees with a sense of civic responsibility have volunteered to contribute to the blood program of the Red Cross in our community. These people who might now be said to own shares in Washington's Civilian Blood Bank are as follows: Amanda Halford, OFAR; Janie Hill, Pers; Mildred Gilbert, PMA; Gussie Thomas, PMA; Sue Cleek, PMA; Margaret Mulherin, PMA; Katherine Rowland, PMA; Howard White, REA; J. Whitson, REA; E.F. Eardley, REA; Allyn Walters, REA; Margaret Schindler, Lib; C.O. Henderson, Pers; William Sparhawk, FS; Vernice Hansen, FS; C.E. Behre, FS; Dorothy Johnson, FS; Seth Jackson, FS; Catherine Moore, Ext.Serv; E.E. Brown, PMA; Dr. D.C. Pien, PMA; Harry Trelogan, PMA; J. Cleek, PMA; Rose Corrigan, PMA.

Katherine Murray, REA; Ruth Keiseling, PMA; Florence Switlick, E&PQ; Henrietta Schwarz, E&PQ; Ernest James, PMA; Frank Cunningham, PMA; Wm. Callan, PMA; Ada Smith, PAI; Rudolph Guizl, PAI; George Hanna, PAI; Helen Rowan, PMA; Verona Russell, Lib; Susie Kenney, Lib; Wm. Mitchell, Lib; Idair Snookler, Lib; Lucille Hedges, PDI. E.E. Brown, PMA; Sam Sheeche, PMA; Thomas Kendrick, PMA; Homer Smith, FCA; Gladys Anchetta, OFAR; Edward Henderson, OFAR; Doris Laut, Sec; Elma Ripple, Sec; Roy Hackensmith, SCS; Gordon Steel, SCS. Ralph Weidner, REA; E. Todryk, REA; Clate Cox, REA; Jay Whitson, REA; S. Ellison, FS.

Some skeptics wouldn't believe that there were public spirited people in Washington who would donate to a Civilian Blood Bank. However, thousands have come forward since the Civilian Blood Program was started this past winter, and hundreds of men, women, and children in our community have had a better chance to live given to them by the blood bank contributors. You too can join the first rank of Washington's red-blooded citizens. Just call Miss McFadden on extension 3281 and ask her about an appointment for the Blood Bank. Remember, your gift of blood is your chance to save a life.

SIX WHO SERVED US FOR 208 YEARS

A party was held on March 31 to honor six of our PBA Agriculture Group associates who were retiring after periods of service ranging from 29 years and 6 months to 38 years. Youngest of the group - in terms of service - was Zada Diets, retiring from the job of Elevator Conductor after serving 29 years and 6 months of Government service. Two more Elevator Conductors, Grant Phillips, 35 years and 11 months service and Nellie E. White, who served 38 years and 3 months, were honored.

Three laborers who were also honored, at the party had reach length of service records as follows:

Lula Dabney - 30 years
Walter E. Hamilton - 37 years
Edward Turner - 38 years

In addition to their fellow workers, many officials of the PBA and several from the Agriculture Department attended the party.

CERAMICS

We are still trying to find facilities at a moderate price for those who want to have an instruction course in Ceramics. We are hoping to call those on our list with news about it soon.

LEATHERCRAFT CLASS

Starts Monday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. \$8.00 for 8 lessons. Mildred Roxby is the instructor. Class will meet in Room 113-W.

THE GOLF STORY

Fourteen girls and one man have already put in requests to join a golf instruction class. Nobody in Agriculture Department applied for the job of instructor (some good golfer is missing a chance to be chummy acquainted with a lot of nice girls) so we have made arrangements with Milton Logan, one of the pros at East Potomac to handle the class. It looks as though there will be enough applicants to make two classes - probably one at 7 p.m. (DST, we hope) and the other at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Price will be \$6.00 for six lessons. There will be an additional charge of 25¢ an evening for the use of golf balls furnished by the management. Golf clubs will be available as a part of the course at no additional charge.

RIDES WANTED

Miss Piccoli, X3496, 2745 - 29th Street, N.W.
Ruth Stanfield, X5168, 2210 Nicholson St., S.E.
Mr. Limmer, X5716, 1802 N. Oak St. (near Wilson Blvd.), Arlington, Va.
Dorothy Waters, X2907, 5112-11th Road, South, Arlington, Va.
Mrs. Pierce, X3215, Lincoln & Aspen Aves. (near Carroll Ave.), Takoma Park, Md.
Della Pitman, X2571, Wash. Blvd. & Glebe Road, Arlington, Va.
Marjorie Johns, X4673, Beltsville, Maryland
Jane Soule, X5335, 310 Tulip Avenue, Takoma Park, Md.
Marian McCloskey, X2633, 2115 P Street, N.W.
Carl H. Noyes, Second Ave. at Noyes Lane or Terminal, Silver Spring, Md.
Bessie Browning & sister, X3026, 865 Van Buren Street, N.W.
Helen Davis, X2414, 1607 "D" Street, N.E.

RIDES OR ROTATORS WANTED

Mr. Hutchins, X3398, Westover District, Patrick Henry Drive, Virginia
Mr. Anker, X4220, Queens Chapel Manor, Hyattsville, Md.

NEW BRIDGE SERIES STARTS APRIL 27

At the request of several members of his bridge classes, Mr. Charles A. Lyons, our popular instructor, has consented to teach a new series of intermediate bridge lessons and to supervise a series of lessons on instruction in duplicate bridge play beginning next week on Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30, in the 4th Wing Cafeteria. Mrs. Margaret Myrtle will again assist Mr. Lyons with the instruction series. Both classes will be from 6:30 to 9:30 and will have two hours of play and one hour of lecture and discussion during the three hour period. The fee for this series of six lessons ending on June 3 will be \$4.00. Over thirty people have already signed up for the course. Call extension 5611 or 6229, today, if you want your name added to the list before registration closes.

SQUARE DANCING

Most of the twenty who participated in the square dance group which has just completed a ten weeks series under the direction of Bernard Frank, FS, have acquired so much enthusiasm for the activity that they have already signed up for a 2nd Square Dance series. The new series of ten lessons will begin in the Jefferson Auditorium on Wednesday, April 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (The first meeting on April 28 will be held in the 4th Wing Cafeteria). The cost of the series of ten lessons is \$5.00. Register in room 1011 or call extension 5611 to see whether there is still room for you in the class.

The square dance groups are also making plans for a party at the Beltsville Log Lodge sometime in May.

WANTED - 100 AUTOMOBILE LOANS

The Agriculture Employees' Credit Union is making loans to its members with automobiles as security at an attractive rate of interest. Additional advantages of using the Credit Union to finance purchase of your car are (1) convenience-monthly payments are made in Room 5433, (3) flexibility-size of monthly payments can be made to fit your needs, and (3) insurance-terms are moderate and less costly than required by most lending agencies.

Join the Credit Union and enjoy all the benefits of Credit Union membership. For further details inquire at the office in room 5433, between 10 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

HOBBY SHOW COMING UP SOON

There have been two or three meetings of an informal hobby show committee and so many ideas have been developed that it looks as if we will have to move the date of the show back a few weeks in order to give time for adequate preparation for the Show. Contact Officers and other representatives of several agencies met at a luncheon meeting on Friday, April 16, and decided to try to determine the possible number of exhibitors from their various agencies as a means of finding out how much space will be needed for the Show. If you have something you might like to enter in the Hobby Show, use the coupon at the bottom of this page and/or make a facsimile of information requested on it and send it to your Contact Officer.

DOINGS OF AGENCY RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS

Farm Credit Clubbers are having a big get together in the Press Club Auditorium on the night of May 14.

The REA Athletic Association is sponsoring a 13th Birthday banquet, with Sen. George D. Aiken of Vermont as the principal speaker, at the Terrace Room of the National Airport on Tuesday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. Banquet will be followed by a dance.

The newest agency recreation association which is expected to join the AERA Council soon is that of BAE employees. Ballots were cast for election of officers at a rally of BAE employees in the Jefferson Auditorium on Monday afternoon, April 19. Temporary officers, elected until July 1, 1946, are as follows:

President, Harry Panzer; Vice Pres., Charles Burkhead; Secretary, Jessie Thompson; Treas., Harry Nallay.

SWIM TICKETS

We still have five swim tickets good for 12 swims at the Ambassador Pool any time this year. Bargain price of \$3.50 until they are gone. Available in room 1011.

MEN WANTED

as Volunteer Drivers of Red Cross buses to take wounded veterans to night baseball games. Call REpublic 8300, ext. 476, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SKETCHING

Several people have asked about when a sketching class could be organized. We have just found out that there are facilities for an early evening sketching class at Barney Neighborhood House, 473 N Street, S.W. A six weeks series of weekly evening sketch periods, including instruction from an artist on the Neighborhood House staff if desired, is available at the very low price of \$3.00 for 6 weeks if as many as ten people can get together for this activity. Pupils can work in whatever medium they prefer. Classes will begin in the first week in May. Call extension 5611 to register.

HOBBY SHOW ENTRY BLANK

To: Contact Officer, _____ (agency)

I have the following items which I would like to enter in the Agriculture Employees' Hobby Show:

(use additional paper for further details)

Minimum space I will need for display

Name _____

Agency _____ Room _____ Ext. _____